

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 3 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus for printing on a print medium with a print head, comprising:
  - a tray on which to place the print medium;
  - a tray guide removably mounted to the printing apparatus to support said tray so that said tray can be fed;
  - a detecting portion for detecting whether or not said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus;
  - a carriage that moves with the print head mounted thereon; and
  - ~~control means for limiting movement of said carriage prohibiting said carriage from moving to a replacing position for attaching or detaching the print head or an ink tank for supplying ink to the print head,~~ when said detecting portion detects that said tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus.

2. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the print head is removable from the carriage and a the replacing position for  
attaching or detaching the print head or an ink tank for feeding ink to the print head is  
arranged at a position overlying a feeding path of the print medium.

Claims 3 and 4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A printing method for printing on a print  
medium with a print head, comprising the steps of:  
removably mounting to a printing apparatus a tray guide that supports a tray  
on which the print medium is placed so that the tray can be fed;  
detecting whether or not the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus  
by a detecting portion; and  
~~limiting the movement of the carriage which carries the print head~~  
~~prohibiting the carriage from moving to a replacing position for attaching or detaching the~~  
~~print head or an ink tank for feeding ink to the print head~~ when the detecting portion  
detects that the tray guide is mounted to the printing apparatus.

6. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 3 1, further comprising a cover member which rotates to expose the carriage to the exterior, wherein opening of said cover member causes the carriage to move to the replacing position.

7. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein an error alarm occurs when said control means ~~limits~~ prohibits the movement of the carriage independently from the opening of said cover member.

8. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein following the error alarm, closing of said cover member, detachment of said tray guide from the printing apparatus and re-opening of said cover member, said carriage moves to the replacing position.

Claim 9 (Canceled).